

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 3, 8, 9 and 12-14, CANCEL claims 1, 2, 10, 11, 15 and 16 in accordance with the following:

1. (CANCELLED)
2. (CANCELLED)
3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~The~~ An information processing system, ~~according to claim 2, comprising:~~
 - an information disclosing server for disclosing contents;
 - a portal server for obtaining information regarding contents from the information disclosing server and for creating display data; and
 - wherein the information disclosing server comprising:
 - contents storing means for storing the contents; and
 - additional information storing means for storing additional information indicating the respective attributes of contents to be disclosed of contents stored in the contents storing means and relations among the contents to be disclosed.
 - further wherein the portal server comprising:
 - additional information obtaining means for obtaining additional information stored in the additional information storing means in the information disclosing server;
 - additional information storage means for storing additional information obtained by the additional information obtaining means by creating folders having a hierarchical structure corresponding to logical structures of the contents and by storing the respective attributes of the contents in each of the folders;
 - display data creating means for obtaining, in the case of a request having been made from a user of a client connected with the information disclosing server via the portal server, the appropriate additional information from the additional information storage means and for creating display data; and

sending means for sending display data created by the display data creating means to the client which made a request, and

wherein information for designating a template used to create the display data is associated with the folders, ~~further wherein~~ and the display data creating means creates display data according to an appropriate template.

4. (ORIGINAL) The information processing system according to claim 3, wherein the template creates display data according to an argument provided by a client or according to an argument stored in the additional information storage means.

5. (ORIGINAL) The information processing system according to claim 4, wherein the additional information storage means contains a shortcut by which other folders or contents can be referred to from a predetermined folder.

6. (ORIGINAL) The information processing system according to claim 5, further comprising editing means for editing additional information stored in the additional information storage means.

7. (ORIGINAL) The information processing system according to claim 6, further comprising user additional information storage means for storing additional information according to users, wherein the editing means also edits additional information stored in the user additional information storage means, further wherein the display data creating means also creates display data from additional information stored in the user additional information storage means.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The information processing system according to claim 4~~3~~, wherein the additional information obtaining means obtains additional information from the information disclosing server by a method designated in advance.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The information processing system according to claim 4~~3~~, further comprising additional information creating means for creating additional information from contents stored in the contents storing means.

10. (CANCELLED)

11. (CANCELLED)

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A portal server for obtaining information regarding contents from an information disclosing server for disclosing contents and for creating display data provided to a client, the portal server comprising:

additional information obtaining means for obtaining additional information stored in the additional information storing means in the information disclosing server;

additional information storage means for storing additional information obtained by the additional information obtaining means;

display data creating means for ~~obtaining~~defining, in the case of a request having been made from the client, the appropriate additional information from the additional information storage means and ~~for creating display data~~ specifying display of the contents in the information disclosing server; and

sending means for sending display data created by the display data creating means to the client which made a request, where the client is connected with the information disclosing server ~~via-through~~ the portal server directly connected with the client, and

wherein the additional information storage means stores the additional information by creating folders having a hierarchical structure which corresponds to the logical structure of the contents and by storing the respective attributes of the contents in each of the folders, and

information for designating a template used to create the display data is associated with the folders, further wherein the display data creating means creates display data according to an appropriate template.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-readable record medium recording a computer program executed on a portal server for obtaining information regarding contents from an information disclosing server for disclosing contents to a client connected with the information disclosing server ~~via-through~~ the portal server in direct communication with the client and for ~~creating~~defining display data provided to each client, the program executing functions comprising:

obtaining additional information stored in the information disclosing server;

storing additional information obtained;

obtaining, in response to a request from the client, the appropriate additional information stored and for creating display data defining display of the contents in the information disclosing server; and

sending the display data created to the client which made a request, and
wherein the additional information is stored by creating folders having a hierarchical
structure which corresponds to a logical structure of the contents and by storing respective
attributes of the contents in each of the folders, and
information for designating a template used to create the display data is associated with
the folders and the display data is created according to an appropriate template.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A portal server for obtaining information related to contents from an information disclosing server connected with the portal server, the portal server comprising:

an additional information acquiring unit obtaining additional information stored in a storage unit of the information disclosing server;

a storage unit provided to the portal server storing the obtained additional information;
and

a display data creating unit acquiring the stored additional information for creating display data defining display of the contents on a client upon receipt of a request from ~~a~~ the client connected with the information disclosing server ~~via-through~~ the portal server directly connected with the client, where the created display data is sent to the client based on the receipt of the request from the client.

15. (CANCELLED)

16. (CANCELLED)